

In claims 5, 7, 8 and 27, please delete "one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1-- therefor.

In claims 17 and 21, please delete "one of claims 1 to 7" and insert --claim 1-- therefor.

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-28 are pending in the application. Claim 28 is sought to be added. Claim 28 finds support, *inter alia*, at page 6, line 14, and in original claim 2, of the application as filed. Claims 2, 3, 5-8, 17, 21 and 27 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies.

The specification has been amended to include section headings, thus conforming the application to the preferred layout for a patent application as suggested in M.P.E.P. § 601.

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Figure 1. Schematic representation of the experimental design. The subjects were divided into two groups: the control group (CG) and the experimental group (EG). The CG was divided into two subgroups: the control group (CG) and the control group (CG). The EG was divided into two subgroups: the experimental group (EG) and the experimental group (EG). The subjects were divided into two groups: the control group (CG) and the experimental group (EG). The CG was divided into two subgroups: the control group (CG) and the control group (CG). The EG was divided into two subgroups: the experimental group (EG) and the experimental group (EG).